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LETTER DATED 10 SEPTEMBER 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE
UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to present to you the attached letter, dated
4 September 1992, from the President of the Republic of Bosnia and
Herzegovina, H.E. Mr. Alija Izetbegovic.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating the letter as a
document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
Ambassador and
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 4 September 1992 from the President of
Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed to the President
of the Security Council

In the aftermath of the London Conference, I would like to comment on developments in my country and to personally inform you of the position of the Government of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina with respect to the recommendations upon which we have agreed.

You will recall the specific decisions from this Conference:

- Early lifting of the sieges of towns and cities;
- International supervision of heavy weapons;
- Ban on military flights;
- Posting of observers on our borders;
- Effective delivery of humanitarian aid;
- Progressive return of refugees to their homes;
- Unconditional and unilateral release under international supervision of all civilians detained;
- Bringing to account those responsible for ordering grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions, and the creation of an international criminal court;
- Assure vigorous application of sanctions, including those on the Danube.

These actions must be taken immediately if there is to be peace in the region. We would like to express our appreciation for your support in reaching the Agreement.

Regrettably, however, those branded by the international community as aggressors think nothing of breaching the London Agreement despite calls for immediate implementation. While we were completing our work on the London Conference document, my people were subjected to ferocious bombardment in several places. The artillery attacks have continued unabated since the conclusion of the Conference. The new attacks include vicious attacks on civilians and numerous historic buildings including the National Library and Archives in Sarajevo as well as continued attacks throughout the countryside.

In view of these developments, and the approaching winter, the Government of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina has determined that it cannot continue to participate in the negotiations if the Serbian army continues to reject the letter and the spirit of the London Agreement.

To facilitate full exploitation of the diplomatic option, the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina demands that the provision for the "no-fly zone" be implemented immediately and that a date be set now for an assessment of the implementation of the remaining provisions of the London Conference accord by a UN/EC task force established explicitly for this purpose. We recommend that the date for this assessment be as soon as possible, but in any case prior to the meeting of the United Nations General Assembly.

Remaining committed to a full implementation of the London Agreement, the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina will demand that the international community implement all provisions of United Nations Security Council resolutions relevant to applying all means necessary, including military force, to aid our country. If hostilities continue, the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina will choose to exercise its right of self-defence under Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations and will ask the General Assembly to lift the arms embargo on Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Our Government has demonstrated its good faith in the London diplomatic effort and during previous EC-sponsored negotiations. I fear, however, that we are approaching the point where diplomatic means can no longer offer the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina any hope for survival.

(Signed) Alija IZETBEGOVIC
